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Remarks

The Applicants express appreciation to the examiner for the interview of July 25, 2006, in which clarifying claim amendments were discussed.

By this paper, claims 1, 5, 7, 9-15, 19, 21, 23, 24-26, 29-31, 35, 39, 41, 43, 49, and 51-54 are pending in the application. All claims stand rejected. All independent claims have been amended herein.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9-15, 19, 21, 23, 24-26, 29-31, 35, 39, 41, 43, 49 and 51-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0251827 to Ellis et al. ("Ellis").

As amended, independent claim 1 recites in response to a selection of a particular room identifier, displaying a plurality of representations with each representation associated with information. Throughout the specification, reference is made to representations which may be graphical, textual, or combinations of various types of representations. For example, page 28, lines 17-25.

Claim 1 further recites that in response to the representation being selected, displaying the associated information which is unrelated to any controlling computer device in the home. Support is found for this limitation through various examples in the specification. Specifically, the information may be associated with the word "kitchen." Page 7, lines 1-3. In this example, the information may include a recipe database, information on television (TV) shows about cooking, a food inventory, an electronic grocery list, and information associated with ordering food, restaurants, shopping, and/or the like. Page 7, lines 3-8. Some or all of this information in the example is unrelated to any controlling computer device in a home. Recipes and

shopping lists are naturally associated with a kitchen, but do not control processing devices in a home or anywhere else.

The claimed invention is directed to a method for organizing information which is naturally associated with a well known environment, the home. The user interface is customized by associating features with rooms in a home. Page 7, lines 18-22. This advantageously provides a user interface that is simple to understand, navigate, and operate, because the features have a natural association with physical locations. This follows from the specification which states that "By associating features related to a particular location (in this example, the kitchen), the home-style user interfaces has the advantage of simplifying the electronic organization of information to a novice computer user." Page 7, lines 14-18. As claimed, the user interface does not allow a user to operate or control computer devices throughout a home.

Thus, the claimed invention is simply a method for organizing and categorizing information. Accordingly, information relating to a child may be categorized in a room identifier for that child. Information relating to automobile maintenance may be categorized in a room identifier for the garage. Information relating to a family's budget may be categorized in a room identifier for the home office or study.

In contrast, Ellis teaches an interactive program guide to control multiple devices within a household. Ellis, page 1, paragraphs [0011] and [0012], page 4, paragraph [0072], page 7, paragraph [0098], and page 9, paragraph [0116]. The control includes various media devices and options and settings associated with them. In Ellis, the program guide relates to the operation and control of devices in the different rooms. Thus, Ellis does not organize information into room categories

which is unrelated to computer devices in the various rooms. Indeed, Ellis is not concerned with information that does not operate and control computer devices.

The pending claims are directed to a convenient method for organizing information and are patentably distinct from remote control of computer media devices throughout a home. An anticipation under section 102 is proper only if the reference shows exactly what is claimed. MPEP § 2131. As Ellis and the other references of record do not disclose all limitations of claim 1, they cannot anticipate claim 1. Independent claims 13, 14, 15, 29, 30, 31, 35, 41, and 43 are amended to include similar limitations and likewise represent patentable subject matter. The remaining depending claims include all limitations of their respective independent claims and thus represent patentable subject matter as well.

Based on the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims herein is respectfully requested.

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